

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5510
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

STRENGTHENING RAIL NETWORK

5510. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Railways plans to carry out a market study to find out ways to increase its revenue by nearly Rs. 30,000 crore and if so, the details thereof and the present status of the plan;**
- (b) whether the Railways proposes to strengthen rail network and capacity expansion to bring the national transporter back on track; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. Marketing and planning for rail traffic on Indian Railways is done on a continual basis, with specialized arms for passenger / freight marketing and planning functions at different levels – Zonal and at Railway Board levels. However, for the long-term plans, Railway intends to prepare a ‘National Rail Plan’ with a time horizon upto Financial Year 2030.

(c) M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Survey Ltd. have been issued the Letter of Award by Railway Board on 22.03.2018 to execute the work of National Rail Plan.
